



FNS Response to Midwest Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes

CLOSEOUT REPORT

FNS approved the following waiver to assist Illinois in meeting the nutrition assistance needs of FNS program participants and low-income residents impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes that occurred on November 17, 2013:

Approval to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in 15 counties: Champaign, Douglas, Fayette, Grundy, Jasper, La Salle, Massac, Pope, Tazewell, Vermilion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, Will, and Woodford.

- The State accepted applications for five business days from December 11-17, 2013, at local Illinois Department of Human Services Family Community Resource Centers (FCRC) over a period of five business days from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Only households who resided in the 15 disaster-affected counties on November 17, 2013, and who suffered disaster-related damage, material losses, loss of income, or lack of access to liquid resources from the severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes were eligible for certification using D-SNAP criteria. Households that experienced food loss as their only adverse affect were not be considered eligible for D-SNAP assistance.

Current SNAP recipients had to submit an affidavit attesting to their disaster-related expenses or other disaster-related adverse effects in person at a D-SNAP application site in order to receive **Supplemental** disaster benefits up to the maximum allotment for household size.

Any disaster benefits that remain unused 90 days after they are issued will be expunged, or removed, from the household's account. *(Approved December 4, 2013)*

Specific information on FCRC locations that accepted applications and contact information can be found at:

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=68541>

FEMA Declared Disaster Counties:

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4157/designated-areas>

If you think you may be eligible for disaster food assistance in your State, please contact your local State office:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/map.htm>.

For more information and resources, please visit the FNS Web site at:

www.fns.usda.gov/disaster

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